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ECONOMIC INTELLIGENCE COMMITTEE

MEMORANDUM FOR: EIC Representatives of the USIB Agencies

SUBJECT: Proposed Subcommittee Working Paper on  
Military Consumption of Petroleum Products,  
Sino-Soviet Bloc

1. The EIC Subcommittee on Petroleum, at its meeting on 25 September 1963, discussed the need for a study on Sino-Soviet Military Petroleum Consumption. The last report on this subject covered the years 1960-61, and reports have been prepared for previous years. The data for these were provided by Army, Navy, and Air Force intelligence. The Service members of the PSC in the past were able to arrange with their organization to obtain the data and prepare the report. With the integration of Service intelligence organizations in DIA, the situation is difficult and the Subcommittee believes that it is not in a position to obtain the data.
2. Bloc military petroleum consumption is now a gap in economic intelligence on petroleum. The data are useful in constructing supply and demand studies, are needed for computing military expenditures, and are used for other purposes. There is probably a need for petroleum consumption data in military intelligence.
3. The Subcommittee has requested that the EIC make a determination as to the value of such a project. If the EIC should conclude that such a study would indeed meet a community need it will be easier for the Subcommittee members to get the support of their respective agencies in this endeavor.
4. Members are requested to be prepared to discuss this matter at the EIC meeting of 7 January 1964.

  
Executive Secretary

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